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FRIDAY MORNING, DECEMBER 24, 1858.

The Senate has adopted a resolution calling upon the President for the correspondence between the Mexican government and Minister Forsyth, and such other information as may elucidate the complication which resulted in our suspension of diplomatic intercourse with that country.

All the shipmasters recently arrived from across the Atlantic, agree in representing the weather this season, as unexampled for severity. A succession of tremendous gales, with snow, sleet and rain, has been the experience of all. A large number of wrecks have already been beard of as the result of the gales in the months of October and November, and we fear there are others yet to be reported.

The Pension bill has passed the Lower House of Congress. The final vote was 130 to 73. The bill as passed gives pensions to all survivors who served for sixty days, or were engaged in actual battle, in the war of 1812, or in any war or battle fought by the United States with the Indians previous to or during that war. The act extends to both does not survive, his widow comes in for the lows: To those who served 12 months or more, \$96 per annum; those who served 6 months or more, \$75, and those who served 3 months the first day of the present Congress, and continue through life. Should it become a law it will of course make quite a large draft annually upon the means of the government.

Those interested in the Baltimore and Potomac Railroad, in Maryland, are very active in behalf of that project. The Company has been organized and the Directors elected .--The Agent reports \$67,000 subscribed. Mr. Edwin Robinson, President of the Richmond and Fredericksburg Railroad, seems to be the most in favor of the Maryland line, on this side of the water, and appears to be relied on by the friends of the line, for future aid. He is also elected one of the Directors.

A State Convention of locomotive engineers was held at Chicago, Illinois, on the 14th and 15th of December, at which 11 roads were represented. The meeting of the Convention was for the purpose of memorializing al law for the better protection of Railroad Gracious Heaven! what does this mean?engineers, thereby securing to the public a passed examination and received a certificate, as the marine engineers now do.

Gen. Scott received the most marked attention from the military and citisens of upon by several delegations, (who were cordially received,) and presented with an address of congratulation, to which be feelingly responded. In the evening he was escorted by the military to the steamship Isabel, on which be embarked for Key West, amidst the prolonded plaudits of a large throng of persons on the wharf.

The Richmond correspondent of the Lynchburg Republican, says :- "It is stated on the street that Col. Thos. P. August will be a candidate for Congress in the Richmond District, in opposition to Judge John S. Caskie. Well I hope it is so, for the Col. and Judge are both good fellows, and would give us a merry time. It is hardly probable that the Whige will run a candidate in the district."

The official returns of the French Colonial office show that 16,500 negroes have been obtained by French agents from the eastern coast of Africa, and conveyed to the island order to secure the election of a Black Reof Bourbon, or Reupion. French Guiana has received eight hundred and seventy-two Africans, Martinique five hundred and tifteen, and Gaudaloupe six hundred and ninety-eight.

The Loudoup Mirror says that the funeral sermon of the late Rev. David Caldwell, was preached in the Episcopal church of Leesburg, on Sunday morning last, by Rev. Jno. C. McCabe, of Baltimore. The discourse was an elequent and beautiful tribute to departed worth, and rich in its words of comfort for those who mourn the death of the

A grain dealer, Julius Patten, at Buffalo, has absconded with several thousands of dollars, belonging to the firm of Patten & Munduback, of which he was a member, together with large amounts in addition, which he obtained by fraudulent transactions.

A letter from St. Thomas, dated 1st inst., states that the ship Messenger was then there with soal for the vessels of the Paraguay expedition. She was waiting orders. General Santa Anna has sent off some trusty friends to Mexico. The public health, crops, and trade, were excellent.

A bank porter in Chicago last Saturday while going to the Express office with \$1,-400, was suddenly knocked down by a slung shot and the package of money taken from him. He rose soon and gave chase. The ed the burning rafters fell in with a crash robber made for the river, crossed it on the ice, and escaped.

The Winchester District Court, composed of Judges Samuels, (President,) Field, Thompson, Kenney, and Parker, which convened in that place on Wednesday last, adjourned at a late hour on Saturday eren-

Mr. Wilson, of Mess., bas introduced a bill in the Senate granting a million of acres of the public lands for the benefit of free public schools in Washington.

and the development of its resources.

The famous Echo is advertised for sale by pe on the 6th January, at Charleston;

Telegraphic Despatches.

road Convention assembled here yesterday, made a statement on the authority of Mr. Lawreson, which was replied to by Mr. deducting the donations, to be but \$2,600,-000. Col. Post had over \$400,000 worth, that the Northern friends of the road surrendered freely. After the discussion, the explanations made had greatly strengthened the confidence of the New Orleans stockholders, disarmed their suspicions, and harmony was restored.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 22 .-- Gen. Cass, in a day last, whilst giving his reasons for withbolding an authoritative censure by this goverument of the proceedings at Bologna in the case of the boy Mortara, says as an individ- but before the order could be executed, the ual he has no hesitation in expressing his surprise and regret at the deplorable occurrence in the Papal States, and that it is difficult to conceive how such an act of injustice could take place in the middle of the nineteenth century, and in the heart of Eu- vessel, relieved of her "sticks," actually rope. He says the judgment of the world

will condemn it. Sr. Louis, Dec. 21 .- The steamboat Aubrey met with an accident a few miles above St. Louis last night, causing the loss of four grees, and rolling until she buried her gunor five lives. The boat ran on the wreck of a sunken steamer, causing the steam pipe connecting with the mud receiver to burst. A panic ensued among the passengers, who, rushing on masse into the yawl, upset it, by

which several were drowned. Toronto, Dec. 21 .- The government it-

the matter. land and naval forces, and where the party son to believe that two more vessels have off our hats, and gave "nine cheers for Capt.

sures to stop them. New York, Dec. 22 -- Gov. King expresses himself as decidedly in favor of the re or not less than 60 days, \$50 per annum. It moval of quarantine to Orchard Shoal, beis provided that the pensious commence from low the Narrows. The government engineer half an hour before he was restored to conhas reported in favor of it.

SCHERVILLE, N. J., Dec. 21 .-- Cornelius H. Vanderveer, a respectable citizen of this

Jersey Central Railroad. Sr. Louis, Dec. 21 .- The Kansas City Telegraph line, extending from this city to Leavenworth, was opened for business to-

Ex-Governor Foote and the President. Hop. Henry S. Foote has recently addressed a letter to the citizens of Jackson, Miss., which contains the following paragraph:

Tyler. "It is a little to be feared that Black Republican strength is again to be increased to some extent by what is to occur in the next week or two; for Senator Davis tells us in the speech already quoted from, that the President will persevere during the coming session of Congress in the course marked out last winter, and declares that he is assured that Mr. Buchanan 'will not shrink a hair's breadth from the position he has tathe Legislature for the enactment of a gener- ken, but will take another step in advance. What further pledge has been dragged from competent set of engineers, who shall have a panic stricken President, the execution of which, apparently at the instance and under the command of Southern men, is still more to lower the moral attitude of the South among her brethren of the North, render her institutions undeservedly odious, break down Charleston, on Saturday last. He was waited still more fatally the etrength of the Democratic party in the free States, which has so long stood as an impregnable rampart againet Abolition hostility, and criminally prison, costing Mr. Wilson \$20 to get them

facilitate the election of an Abolition President in 1860; thus affording certain Union- and had a terrible time of it. After we got haters in the South a plausible pretext to break up the Confederacy? We shall learn all in a week or two more. I am inclined, meanwhile, to think that he can do nothing worse or more mischievous than those things be has done already; for I can scarcely imagine greater enormities than the attempting to force through Congress the Lecompton bill-the defeat by executive patronage of batchway, tumbling into the hold bead forethe Crittenden amendment-the notorious most. passage of the English bill by the same discreditable means-the indecent public rejoicings over the accomplishment of this high-handed fraud, at the White House itself-the corrupt and anti-republican interference in the Illinois election for the purpose of crushing Douglas -- the open employment of the executive official patronage in connection with Black Republicanism, in

publican Senator. These criminal misdeeds

of the President, none of which can be de-

nied, it would certainly be difficult to sur-

pass, but those who direct his conduct are

not yet content, and the trembling President

must still take one other step in advance!"

"BAR IT A LETTLE LONGER, BILL."-There were some rather rich scenes in the late Convention held in Petersburg, which have not yet transpired. On the morning of the first day, during the stormy session, when everybody wanted to be heard and no one seemed disposed to lister, a gentleman from Albemarle, who had made several ineffectual attempts to gaio a hearing, at length planted himself armly on the platferm, and swore he would at the hotel, demanded for old Frederick Wilwould be heard. It did thunder at once: not from the clouds, but throughout the Hall, and numerous members shouted out their inten tion to leave in disgust, and the rear, like the "sound of many waters," shook the building. At this juncture, a large, plethoric old gent, suddenly got up and yelled out to one of the sccessionists at the top of his voice, "Hold on, Bill-bar it a lettle longer." The effect was electrical. A huge laugh rang through the Hall, in a few minutes the tumult subsided, and the tenacious gentleman was allowed

to ventilate his ideas. TERRIBLE DEATH .- The wife of Mr. Warper Epes of Chesterfield county, Va., retired to bed Saturday night during the absence of her husband, with a pipe in her month. The house took fire, and just as Mr. Epes returnwhich sent up a volume of fire and added fuel to the flames within. A search revealed the sad fact that his wife had perished. Her charred remains, burned nearly to a crisp, were discovered and taken from the ruins by a number of sympathizing neighbors, who had gathered near the scene of the disaster. It is supposed the fire from the pipe communicated to the bed-clothes and thence to the house, and the unfortunate woman, being unable to help berself, was burned to around the Lagoon, where hundreds of ships death .- Richmond Dispatch.

On Monday last a young man named Michael Burke was fatally stabbed, at Cincin-The demand for slave labor at the South nati, by the keeper of a disreputable house, is now almost unprecedented. The supply named James Burns. The murderer escaped, of elaves does not keep pace with its growth A year or eighteen months since his former wife was found dead in her bed in the house, with marks of great violence upon her person, and it was supposed at the time that he the United States Marshal for South Caroli- had killed her, but there was no conclusive evidence of the fact.

in pursuance of adjournment. General Rich- St Thomas on the bark Parthian, after being Charles Lemmon, of St. Louis, and Benjamin ardson offered a resolution requiring the at the very portal of death. The Parthian stockholders present to register the amount sailed from Hampton Roads on the 4th, with of stock represented, so as to show what was | 130 men, for Rio, but was driven back by a the majority of shares required to decide gale on the night of the 5th. The next morn-questions. A heated discussion arose relating she again set sail, and made fine progale on the night of the 5th. The next mornive to the fraudulent stock. Mr. Chilton gress until crossing the Gulf Stream on the evening of the 8th, when she encountered a severe blow, which lasted four hours, and Foulkes. Col. Post, also, replied to Mr. damaged the rigging a little. By 5 o'clock Archer's charges, and read the balance the morning of the 12th, we were 205 miles sheet, showing the liabilities for etock, after east of Bermuda, in lat. 36 20. It was here that we first encountered the terrific cyclone, which came so near sending the ship to the bottem; and by 7 o'clock that morning, we were in its very vortex. The vessel was not found unprepared, however, as the Captain had furled every sail in anticipation of the hurricane. The wind struck her on the stern, and changing, struck her broadside, and for five minutes she was on her beam letter to Capt. Levy, of this city, dated Mou- ends and then buried in the water six inches over her bulwarks from stem to stern. When the wind struck in broadside, Capt. Miller thundered out to cut away the mizzen mast, fore and main masts had been blown away close to the decks, with a loud crash, carrying away the jibboom, bowsprit and the gunwales, on the starboard side. In a few moments the mizzen mast went over, and the bounced out of the water, and by 8 o'clock was rolling and pitching on the broad Atlantic without sail or mast-a complete wreck, standing sometimes at an angle of 45 de-

During the storm the cabin passengers displayed admirable coolness, running from point to point of the ship with their knives between their teeth, cutting away the hanging rigging and clearing the wreek-a little pale, probably, but as self-possessed almost spector has ordered the stoppage of the as if they had been at home on shore. After Northern Railway as unsafe for passengers; the gale had subsided partially, Capt. Miller, but freight trains, with a passenger coach | who is the bravest and coolest man in time of attached, continue to be run at a reduced danger, I ever saw, came down into the cabin speed. Considerable excitement exists about where we had all collected, and a truly affecting scene followed; the tears were streaming New York, Dec. 22.-The Washington down his cheeks, and he was so choked with correspondent of the Post says there is rea- emotion that he could not speak. We all took left or are about leaving the country with Miller," with a vigor that fairly jarred the ship, benefits. The pensions are graduated as fol- fillibusters, and the President has taken mea- and then grasped his hand in a hearty shake. He said he had been 35 years at sea, and this was the first time he had ever lost a mast, and our salvation seemed to him to be a miracle. One of the passengers fainted, and it was sciouspess.

The next day, (Nov. 13) we rigged a jury mast, and shortly after a schooner, bound to place, was instantly killed to-day, by being Bermuda, bore down to us and promised to run over by two trains of cars on the New send us a steamer. We bore up for Bermuda under a sort of mainsail for eight days, but meeting no steamer, and encountering heavy head winds, Captain Miller started for the West Indies, and on the last of November we reached St. Thomas, and cast anchor before this lovely city. We are all very proud of Capt. Miller, and bear almost a family affection for him. Among our cabin passengers is Mr. Tyler, a nephew of ex-President

> I am writing on board the Parthian, and have a fine view of the city of St. Thomas .-It is built on the side of three hills with very parrow and very clean streets, without sidewalks. None of the streets are much wider than Locust Alley, in Richmond, and every body walks in the middle of them. This last peculiarity, however, is not disagreeable to pedestrians, as there are few horses here and but one carriage in the place, and no carts

or wagons. Santa Anna, ex-Dictator of Mexico, re- merce. It is right in the centre of the Uni beautiful villa and is said to be worth-including all his possessions, about \$4,000,000. He seldom goes out, and then in a gig of no pretensions. I went to see the American Consul here to-day and was a good deal pleased with him. I have only seen about

ten Americans. All of our Irish laborers went ashore yesterday and got drunk; two of them got into out. We set to work to get them aboard, them on the vessel the struggle commenced taking him from the officers rode off with to keep them in the place set apart for them. They refused to go down in the hold. At sent, who seemed to have sided with the prislast we were armed with sabres, bowie knives and pistole, and the order was given to fire, and then charge on them, if they were not down in fitteen minutes. This had the desired effect, and they made a grand rush for the

A house on shore is to be rented to-morrow, and they will be put in it while we are here, which will be one or two months, as the bull of the Parthian is to be sold and another ship to be chartered.

There is a great deal of tropical fruit here but as there is also some yellow fever, we do not eat it.

An Ex-President on and Ex-King. A correspondent of the Newark Advertiser writes from Florence, Italy, under date of

the 27th ult., as follows: "The ex-King and Queen of Prussia made their grand entrance here a day or two since, and took possession of the fine Hotel de la Ville, turned into a palace for the royal pair and suite. The cortege comprised twenty carriages and wagons, from the last of which sauce-pans and tin-kettles hung dangling, as if mocking with their discordant rattle the pomp and circumstance of that royalty of which they brought up the rear! But kings must take their cuisine, as well as their dia

monds about with them. Ex-President Pierce happened to be lodged atand there until it thundered but what he liam, when the order came to vacate it. The extatic landlord made baste to acquaint his This is the first occasion since the foundation bright colored peticoat." guests of the honor intended him, hinting alike to one and all the necessity of seeking of a Reman Catholic clergyman have been other quarters, which bint was differently received by different temperaments, but by no Congress. Father B. introduced in the serone so amiably as by the ex President, who conceded in the blandest manner the right of known prayer of Bishop Carroll, (the first an ex-king to turn him, a democratic ex-President, out of doors."

> Guano Discoveries. The Washington correspondent of the New

York Tribune says: "It is known here that further large and valuable deposites of guano have been discovered in the Pacific ocean, and formally taken possession of by citizens of the United States, and that they have been recognized under the act of Congress passed in 1856 -Among these Islands are Malden's, Arthur's, Howland's, and Christmas; and at one of them there is said to be a land-locked harbor in a lageon, six miles broad by twelve miles long, which is entered from a bay outside, where ships can safely anchor in seven to ten fathoms of water. Almost the entire surface of this Island, more than forty miles long and fifteen broad, is reported to be covered with guano from one to ten feet deep. E-pecially is this so for many miles in extent can lie and thousands of boats work at once in loading them. Our Government has done wisely in appropriating treasures of this sort."

MPORTANT TO FARMERS—5 tons of BROOM CORN wanted—I will pay the Insurance Company, of Charlottesville, highest market price at the Broom Factory.

L. HERRING, Royal south of Prince street.

sacks, just received and for sale by dec 3 JOHN A. DIXON, Family Grocer.

NEW ORLEANS, Dec. 21 .- The Pacific Rail- [Correspondence of the Rich. Daily Dispatch.] Brigham Young to be Tried -- Tuesday af-St. THOMAS, Dec. 1, 1858.-We arrived at ternoon Messrs. Henry Bayse, of Weston, Duncan, of this city, arrived direct from the Great Salt Lake City. These gentlemen left with the mail on the morning of the 20th of November.

Brigham Young was to have been tried before the United States District Court on the posed by an independent elector -- Mr. Max-Monday following, for false imprisonment of well-and after the canvass a long corres-Gentile citizens. It was rumored that he pondence ensued. In the end Mr. Ashmore would have to be forced to attend court by lost his temper, and called Mr. Maxwell bad the United States soldiers. Two days before names. The whole matter was then referred the party left, a young Mormon arrived in to a "colonel"-whether militia or regular Sait Lake City, direct from the Cherry Creek | we cannot say-and the affair was there left, gold mines. He reported that the miners with a strong smell of gunpowder about its were making from \$10 to \$12 per day .- | skirts. Provisions were very scarce and consequently very high at the mines. He had come to lish, a member of Congress from Indiana, and Salt Lake City after a fresh supply, and Mr. Montgomery, a member from Pennsylvawould return immediately. He stated that nia. The latter cut the former on account of wagons had also been sent to the States, ex- an old quarrel about the eternal Kansas ques-

tion. The cut member struck the cutter with pressly for provisions. The snow was three feet deep in the moun- a cane, and he was severely injured. He retains, and it took the mail party two days covered sufficiently, however, to throw a brick to get from Salt Lake City to Webber River, at his opponent. So the case is one for pisa distance of forty-five miles. The snow in tols or police courts. many places was up to the ceach beds.

A number of traders' trains were met in Echo canon, unable to get through. They from Alabama-Mr. Shorter-and a member had lost great numbers of their stock. The from Illinois-Mr. Washburne believe. snow averaged eighteen inches in depth from Big Mountain to Platte Bridge .- St. Joseph's

Confirmations by the Senate. WASHINGTON, Dec. 22 .- The Senate to-day confirmed the President's Naval nominations,

Captains Paine, Ramsey and Inman to and sensibly confines his duels to paper pellthe active list. Capt. Vorhees to the leave

ete. But the brother, thinking that Mr. Sickles had impugned the honor of all the Commanders Armstrong, Ling, Johnson and Shaw to the active list; and Commander Tuckers, sent to the member from New York a rather curious note, which might mean an Lecompte to the leave pay list.

Promotions to Commanders' Active List .-Lieutenants Porter, Williamson, Carter, Bissell, Glasson, Kilty, Chandler, Meade and Lieutenants placed on Active List .- Flagg,

Wallach, Doyle, Marin, Riell, Perry, Rolando, Parker, Fizgarald, Rhind, McAvann, Byrens, Hall. Licutepants placed on Leave Pay List-

Watson, Bronnell, Abbott, Barney and Har-Following these confirmations, Senator Brown, of Mississippi, introduced a joint re solution establishing the brevet grade of Admiral, to be conferred when the President may deem proper, to acknowledge eminent

services. When the office is once filled and Douglas has, by authorizing and countenancbecomes vacant, it is to expire. The resolution was referred to the Committee on Naval The Senate also to-day confirmed R. W. all claim to the explanations that I would Nolley, of Kentucky, as the Secretary of the him." Here is a direct charge against Mr.

Legation to Spain.

Kansas Prospects.

From a letter just received from an old riend, Rev. Mr. Vivaldi, now residing in Kansas City, we learn that, for the last two weeks, the settlers out there have been experiencing Siberian weather. Kansas river is frezen over, he says, and teams cross over the ice freely.

gration is expected to flow towards Pike's ry distress into the households of the oppon-By next spring an immense stream of emi-Peak, which is generally believed to be as rich in gold deposits as California. The reports from that quarter are highly encouraging, and there is every reason to believe that there are good prospects to those who are prudent in making the necessary enquiries from reliable persons, before engaging in the gold-seeking enterprise.

not only a member of the Methodist persua-Kansas City is said to be admirably situasion, in good standing--having finished his ted for a large share of the American com-"probation" three months since--but is also des here, with his wooden leg. He has a ted States, and is rapidly growing in size and a reputable shoemaker—his original trade importance—the population having risen in the Rev. Mr. Gilbert, Methodist elergyman at two years, from 2,000 to 9,000.- N. Y. Exp. that place, by means of a subscription of

The fugitive slave rescuers at the North are finding their counterparts at the South. In Huntsville, Ala., last week, J. Q. A. Carter was arrested on a requisition from the Governor of Pennsylvania, and handed over to three Philadelphia policemen. Several friends of Carter, hearing of his arrest, went into the Sheriff's office, heavily armed, and him. There were about 200 citizens preoner, as such threats were made against the Philadelphia officers as induced them to take shelter in the house of a citizen until they could get off on the cars. The citizens countenanced the affair on the ground that Northern States would not allow similar processes to be executed there on the requisition of Southern Governors, as in the case of fugitive slaves .- Rich. Enquirer.

American Jurisprudence.

It is admitted by the foreign critics who have most decried the efforts of American writers in other departments of literature. that in jurisprudence the works of American authors are unexcelled. There are no names in legal literature greater than Kent, Story, Wheaton, and Bouvier. The popularity of Judge Bouvier's works rivals that of Kent's Commentaries. We learn that since his death, in 1851, the publishers of his Law Dictionary and his Institutes of American Law have paid upwards of twenty thousand dollars copy-right on those two works, to his beirs; and the sale of those valuable works is constantly increasing as their merits become more widely known and appreciated. Of Kent's Commentaries upwards of sixty the visitors, is picturesque and convenient for thousand copies are said to have been sold, and the ninth edition has been issued .-- N. Y. Commercial Advertiser.

FROM WASHINGTON -- The Rev. Father the ankle, showing the top of the high-heeled Boyle, of St. Patrick's, opened the Senate priest's dress-with surplice and cassock .of the Government when the entire vestments vices a portion of the beautiful and well-American ordained a bishop of the Catholic Church) "for those in authority."

A telegraphic dispatch received here to-day says that the Susan's fillibusters have effected a landing in Nicaragua in safety, after having successfully cluded the vessels of the squadrons guarding that coast .- Wash, Star.

JEWISH WOMEN -- The joint anniversary of the Hebrew and German Hebrew Benevolent Societies, of the city of New York, was celebrated on Thursday evening last, at the City Assembly Rooms, by a splendid dinner. The proceedings after the feast, as published in the New York papers, are exceedingly intere-ting, and must have been erjoyed to a high degree by all present. A sentiment complimentary to the ladies was responded to by Mr. De Cordova, in a very happy manner .--The speaker stated that the Jewish women were the mo t chaste and the most beautiful in the world, and this was allowed, he said. even by Christian writers, for when covelists looked for beauty they went back to a Rebecca; when for courage, they went back to a belong to four different sets; and besides he basn't any of the other clothes that be starof Kings, they went back to Ruth.

EXECUTOR'S NOTICE.—All persons having claims against the estate of the late Virginia, and of the GIBARD FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, of Philadelphia, has been removed to Robert W. Hunter, are requested to present Nos. 57 and 59, King street. Risks taken, and them at once to the undersigned for settlement, LBS. BUCKWHEAT FLOUR, of Policies issued, upon as fair terms as those of and those indebted to the estate, are requested 1500 LBS. BUCKWHEAT FLOUR of other responsible Companies.

JAMES S. ROGERS, Agent, to make immediate payment. Nos. 57 and 59, King-st.

Vote in the House of Representatives on the Pension Billi.

The Winter Crop of Difficulties.

It is cheering to know that the Empire

State is not without a representative in the

Washington squabbles. Mr. Daniel E. Sickles, whose quarrels with Mr. Secretary

of State Tucker have already occupied a good

deal of space in the journals, has been the re-

cipient of a verbal challenge from the brother

name is Gideon, prefers the pen to the sword,

invitation to the field of Mars or might not .--

The diplomatic Sickles declined to proceed

unless the challenge, as he termed it, was

withdrawn. The irate Tucker amiably com-

plied, at the same time asking Sickles for an

explanation of a "charge" contained in the first note. Now, as the first note had been

withdrawn there was no "charge," as the

Sickles party delicately suggested. Without

advancing a step further, Tucker has appa-

But it would be wrong to confine all this

sport to the lower house. Senator Slidell

evidently thinks so, for in a letter relative to

some negroes over whom Senator Douglas, as

executor, has a patriarchal care, he (Slidell)

uses the following sharp expression: -"Mr.

ing anonymous attacks on me, through a per-

son officiating as his private secretary, lost

eall on Mr. Slidell for an explanation. The

Now, who, after reading the record of this

plentiful forteight's crop of duels, can say that the days of chivalry are over? To be

sure, the parties do not exchange cartels with

the punctillious courtesy of Bayards or By-

rone, and the issues of the duels do not ear-

ents, or make widows weep and orphans howl;

but is not the Pickwickian philosophy after

Orville Gardner.

dividual, formerly a noted prize fighter, who

made a profession of religion last winter, is

\$500, contributed by himself and friends,

started Mr. Gardner in business, and he is

said to be now doing very well. Two or three

of his brothers are employed in his shop, and

they also are members of the Methodist

Church. Orville related his experience on

Sunday before last in the Methodist Church

of Tarrytown, on the occasion of a religious

union meeting, held there by the "Flying Ar-

Prince George's County Md.

ROBBERY AND INCENDIARISM .-- We learn

that on Friday night last the store house of

Mr. Edward Plater, in Nottingham, in this

county, was entered and robbed of goods &c.

to a large amount (\$300,) and that the

theives then set fire to the premises. For-

tunately the fire was discovered before it had

vesterday three negroes were brought hither

and lodged in jail, charged with participation

in the mair, and others are thought to be

SALE -- The slaves belonging to the "Town-

send estate" were sold at T B, on Monday.

A large number were disposed of at very

large prices. We are not in possession of

the particulars, but learn the amounts pail

Crinoline Still Lives.

"The hoop and crinoline, instead of being

prohibited in the Court circle, as was repor-

ted, are worn of enormous amplitude. The

merning costume adopted by the Empress,

and obligatory with her attendant ladies and

exercise in the park. The under skirt, wray-

per peticoat, is of scarlet or blue linsy woolsey

(a description of English flannel,) striped

with black, made so short as to display above

boot, which is bordered with a fringe. The

forming festoons, and leaving visible the

Baltimore & Potomac Ratiroad.

convened at Upper Marlboro' on the 18th

inst. WALTER MITCHELL, esq., of Charles

county, was called to the Chair, and C. C.

The Report of the Agent was read and

The following gentlemen were elected Di-

J. S. Selman, of Anne Arundel county; Ed-

mond J. Plowman, of St. Marv's county;

John W. Jenkins and Walter Mitchell, of

Charles county; W. D. Bowie and W. W. W.

Mr. Douglas -- the Late Canvass.

speaking of the pleasat demestic qualities of

celebration Mrs. Douglas was asked how she

stood the canvass. "Very well," said she, "but I must go and get my husband some

clothes; he has come out of the battle half

naked. I got him two dozen shirts last

soring, and two or three sets of stude-he

ost all his shirts but two, and one don't be-

long to him, and all the stude but four which

ted with." His old white hat, however, rode

Executor

out the storm, dilapidated, but safe.

A correspondent of the Vincennes Sun,

Bowie, of Prince Georges county.

Digges appointed Secretary.

adopted.

A meeting of Stockholders of this Road

made much progress, and extinguished. On

tillery," of New York.

concerned in it.

Compeigne, says:

The New York Tribune says that this in-

all, the best?--N. I'. Herald.

rently retired from the field.

end is not vet.

The National Legislature has but just fin-YEAS-Messrs. Abbott, Adrain, Ahl, Anderished the second week of its session, and the son, Andrews, Arnold, Atkins, Avery, Bennett, fighting calendar has no less than six entries Bingham. Bishop, Bowie, Brayton, Buffinton, Burlingame, Burnett, Burns, Caruthers, Case, of affairs more or less beligerent. The ball was commenced, before the opening of Con-Cavanaugh, Chaffee, Clark, of Connecticut, gress, by Mr. Ashmore, of South Carolina, Clark, of Missouri, Clawson, Clay, Cobb, Clark who has been elected to fill the place of Mr. B. Cochrane, of New York, John Cochrane, of Orr. It appears that Mr. Ashmore was op-New York, Cockerill, Colfax, Comins, Corning, Covode, Cox, Cragin, Craig, of Missouri, Curtis, Davidson, Davis of Indiana, Davis of Massachusetts, Dawes, Dean, Dick, Dimmick, Durfee. Edie. Elliott, English. Farnsworth, Florence, Foley, Foster, Gartrell, Giddings, Gilman, Gilmer. Goodwin, Granger, Gregg, Hall of Ohio, Harris, Haskin, Hatch, Hawkins, Hoard, Hopkins, Hughes, Huyler, Jewett, Jones of Pennsylvania, Keim, Kellogg, Kelsey, Kilgore, Knapp, Kunkel of Pennsylvania, Lawrence, The next rencontre was between Mr. Eng-Leidy, Marshall of Kentucky, Marshall of Illinois, Mason, Maynard, Morrill, Morris of Pennsylvania, Morris of Illinois, Niblack, Palmer, Parker, Pettit, Peyton, Pottle, Powell, Purviance, Ready, Reilly, Ricaud, Robbins, Roter, Smith of Illinois, Smith of Tennessee, Spinner, Stanton, Stevenson, Stewart of Maryand, Stewart of Pennsylvania, Talbot, Tappan, Cotemporaneous with the English affair, we Thayer, Thompson, Tompkins, Trippe, Underfind the lie exchanged between a member wood, Vance, Waldron, Walton, Ward, Watkins, White, Wilson, Woodson, Wright of Ten-

essee, and Zollicoffer-130. Nays-Messrs. Barksdale, Billinghurst, Biiss. Bocock, Bonham, Boyce, Branch, Bryan, Caskie, Chapman, Clark of New York, Craige of North Carolina, Crawford, Curry, Davis of Maryland Davis of Mississippi, Davis of Iowa, Dodd Dowdell, Faulkner, Fenton, Garnett, Goode, Greenwood, Groesbeck, Grow, Harlan, Hill, of the Secretary. That officer, although his Horton, Houston, Howard, Jackson, Jenkins, Jones of Tennessee, Keitt, Leach, Leiter, Letcher, Lovejoy, Maclay, McQueen, Miles, Miller, Millson, Moore, Morgan, Morse of Maine, Mott, Murray, Nichols. Phelps of Missouri, Phelps of Minnesota, Phillips, Pike, Reagan, Ritchie, Sandidge, Scales, Seward, Shaw of North Caro-lina, Singleton, Smith of Virginia, Stallworth, Stephens, Taylor of Louisiana, Wade, Waloridge, Washburn of Wisconsin, Washburne of llinois, Washburn of Maine, Whiteley, Winsow. and Wortendyke-73.

The Slave Importation in Georgia.

As a mere question of philanthropy to the

negro, the persons who have recently brought and landed them in Georgia, may have done a beneficial work. But, aside from that isolated feature of the transaction, we cannot moral turpitude of the crime. The law of the country has been deliberately violated, and an act of piracy committed as sordid and as wanton as ever disgraced the times of the buccancer. Why have gibbering negroes, little more elevated in intelligence than so many monkeys, has been brought from their native and congenial wilds to be thrust upon our otherwise have promptly volunteered to give soil? Simply for their money value. It is not pretended that any advantage can enure Douglas, and, as a matter of course, he will to this continent, its people or its institutions, except the mere pecuniary advantage that may result from a larger supply of labor. It trict. cannot be denied that any but moral injury to society can come of these importations .-The laws of the country have been broken, the public sentiment of the whole country offended, piracy committed, and guilt delib erately incurred, solely for sordid gain. For the benefit of the pocket the sanctity of the law has been invaded. Entrenched securely citizens, there is a division of counsels be- would keep his place is under the ever pr those willing to seck only what is expedient | these, and shifting his course, according to and prefitable at the expense of what is law- the quarter in which they appear." ful and what is honest .-- Union,

By an arrangement just effected, the Northbled to ship Pennsylvania coal at Canton, near Baltimore. Canton thus has a fair there are many good and worthy exceptions, chance of assuming the same position as Port | of which the people are competent judges. Richmond, near Philadelphia, and become a great shipping depot. The coal cars of the Northern Central road, laden with anthracite from Shamoken, Pert Treverton and Lykens Valley, will pass over the track of the Philadelphia, Wilmington and Baltimore road to Canton, and there be emptied into vessels .--Harrisburg Union.

Statistics of the Catholic Church. The Metropolitan Catholic Almanac for 1859, just issued, contains the following statistics in reference to the present condition of the Catholic Church in the United States, contrasted with its condition in the years 1839 and 1849:

| Provinces | 3 | Provinces | 1 | Provinces | 3 | Dioceses | 30 | Dioceses | 13 | Bishops | 26 | Vicariates | Priests | 100 | Bishops | 100 | Priests | 100 | Bishops | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | Churches 2334

were almost unprecedented .-- Planter's Adv. A letter from the French court circle at

Indiana Senators. INDIANAPOLIS, Ind , Dec. 22 .- The Legislature of Indiana to-day, during the session, passed a resolution declaring the seats in the United States Senate, from Indiana, vacant, and elected Henry S. Lane, republican, and William Monroe McCarty, anti-Lecompton democrat, to fill their places, or the vacancies thus made. The vote was 26 in the Senate, and 51 in the House. The democrats refused to vote. This singular action of the Fauquier, where the softness and purity of the Legislature has caused much excitement.

State Stock.

The Commissioners of the Sinking Fund of the State of Virginia, announce to the hold- all doubt, being made exclusively of tye, hopers of certain certificates of debt, issued by the State, that they must present them for redemption on the 10th of February, 1859, at the Treasury of the Commonwealth .--Whether surrendered or not on that day, to the Second Auditor, the interest will cease. Among the holders, we observe that N. M. Rothschild & Sons, of London, bave \$70,000

of 5 per cent. issued in 1836. L. GIBSON, No. 264, South side King, between Patrick and Henry streets, dealer in FAMILY GROCERIES, such as Sugars, rectors of the Road, under the provisions of Coffees, Teas, Molasses, Butter, Buckwheat tractors on the different lines of Internal Im the charter .- Edwin Robinson, of Virginia; Flour, Bacon, Lard, Extra Flour, and Corn provement throughout the State, for the coll Meal, together with a general assortment of LIQUORS, such as pure Brandies, Port Wine, Madeira Wine, Holland Gin, New England Rum, Jamaica Spirits, Old Rye Whiskey, &c. ed to make liberal advances on stock till sold.

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Trouble in the Bonaparte Family. The Paris correspondent of a New York paper gives a long account of the quarrel that has sprung up in the family of Jerome Bonaparte, and in which the American branch of his descendants make the principal figure .--It appears that Prince Napoleon, the son of old Jerome by his second marriage, is intensely jealous of his American nephew, young Jerome N. Bonaparte, who is now a Captain in the French Imperial Guard. At the instigation of the Prince, the Emperor was induced to appoint a commission to examine into the legitimacy of the Americans. The committee appointed consisted of cabinet ministers, bishops, judges, &c., all men of the highest ability and standing. The evidence went to show that old Jerome was married to Miss. Patterson, of Baltimore, by a priest of the Catholic church, and that the marriage was dissolved by Napoleon I. The church declared the marriage valid, and the first Emperor asserted that it was invalid by the law of France, which declared that berts, Royce. Russell, Savage. Scott, Searing, no Prince of the blood Imperial should Sherman of Ohio. Sherman of New York, Shorman of direct conflict between Church and State, the religious and the civil law. The committee was in a quandary, and failed to decide. Bitter blood has, of course arisen between Prince Nopoleon and Captain Bonaparte. The Captain is a favorite with the army and is liked by the Emperor, but the latter is supposed to favor Prince Napoleon from reasons of State policy.

> SELECTED. Curistmas is comine; 'tis nigh at hand, and fond hearts around the hearthstone are

> eagerly clustering. The wanderer who has been afar in search of the wherewithal "to keep the life blood flowing," longs now to return, that he may fold to his breast those for whom he has been struggling. With beating heart and moistened cheek and eager ear the wife watches for the well-known foot-step; with outstreehed hands and joyous cry the little one hears the news, and the gray-headed "good old man" and the "dear old mother" bend their beads to listen, weeping the while!

Christmas is coming; even now 'tis at hand; but there is sorrow in many a homestead, for many a beloved one, with the year just passa cargo of Africans from the coast of Guines | ed, has passed away; but above all is there sorrow in the dreary abodes of the poor; for them there is no home, no hearthstone, no happiness; Christmas comes and finds them perceive a single circumstance to relieve the ebivering in the blast; Christmas goes and leaves them dejected and sad.

You then, to whom God bas given abundantly, in your home happiness, and in your revelry, do not forget the poor!

COMMUNICATED.

ROBERT E. Scott, Esq. - This gentleman, alike distinguished for profound legal learning, great amenity of manners, and manly independence of sentiment, has declined being a candidate for Congress from this Dis-

Mr. Scott is very eminent in his profession, highly appreciated by the people, and surrounded by numerous personal friends, and influential connexions. Who, therefore, could better discharge public duties than himself, if placed in public life?

behind the South has successfully defended | That his reasons for declining are cogent her constitutional rights against the assaults | all will admit, so far as regards himself, but of her enemies for a quarter of a century; but | questionable, as regards the public weal.now some of her own people are willing to Our country should always be first, and I turn upon and batter down that hitherto sa- hope to be excused for here repeating Mr. ered and impregnable rampart: Heretofore | Scott's bold, frank, and truthful remarksthe pride of the South has been that her wherein he saye -- "But in the present state cause was the cause of the constitution and of our politics, this seems impossible-parthe laws; but now some of her own people tyism usurps the place of patriotism-idolaendeavor wantonly to abrogate and set aside try to party dogmas takes precedence of those instruments. At last, among her own statesmanship, and the representative, who tween the utile and the honestum; there are sing necessity of taking observations of

That this is true, all will acknowledge, except some politicians who would rather rule in pestilence and famine than be quiet and peaceable citizens in this Republic. It ern Central Railroad Company will be ena- is high time that plain and honest minded men, should pass sentence on them !-but

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In looking over the proceedings of Congress, on yesterday, and the vote allowing the soldiers of the war of 1812 the poor pittance of a few dollars to cheer them in the decline of life, after years of delay and neglect, and most of them have passed away, I saw among those who could find it in their bearts to cast their vote against this act, the name of John Letcher, the present candidate for Governor

of Virginia. Had the vote been for increasing the pay of members of Congress from \$8 per diem to \$3,000 per session, or for appropriating to their own use books published for catch-penny purposes, doubtless the vote of many of the members in the negative would have been found among the ayes. "Consistency, thou art a jewel!" I trust no "Old Saldier" will so far forgot what is due to himself as to support those who voted against this bill. AN OLD SOLDIER & DEMOCRAT.

Alexandria, Va., Dec. 23, 1858.

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